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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN APPARENT EFFORT TO PREPARE GROUND FOR
COMPROMISES ENABLING MARITIME POWERS AND NEIGHBORING
STATES TO ACCEPT INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE,
MINISTER MOCHTAR IN TV INTERVIEW OCT 7 FURTHER ELUCI-
DATED REMAINING PROBLEMS FACING GOI ON THIS QUESTION
AND SUGGESTED AGREEABLE SOLUTIONS COULD BE FOUND. END
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1. MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND LOS DELEGATION CHIEF MOCHTAR IN INTERVIEW OVER STATE TV NETWORK (TVRI) EVENING OCT 7 STATED THAT MAJORE MARITIME POWERS SUCH AS US AND USSR HAD SUPPORTED GOI'S "THINKING" CONCERNING ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE ALTHOUGH WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS. MOCHTAR CITED THREE MAJOR ISSUES, PASSAGE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL STRAITS, TRANSIT OF ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS AND OVERFLIGHTS, AND SAID GOI WAS REVIEWING THE QUESTION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE CONDITIONS.

2. MOCHTAR STATED INDONESIA DIVIDES MARINE TRAFFIC INTO COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL (INCLUDING MILITARY) TRAFFIC, HE STATED FORMER IS ALREADY REGULATED BY INTERNATIONAL RULES, BUT PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT REMAINED TO BE REGULATED. HE ALSO NOTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MARITIME NATIONS' CONCEPT OF UNLIMITED "FREE PASSAGE" AND COASTAL STATES' CONCEPT OF "INNOCENT PASSAGE" FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES NOT INTERFERING WITH COASTAL STATES' SECURITY AND ORDER. MOCHTAR QUOTED BY OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY ANTARA AS SAYING "AN ACCOMMODATION IS NOW BEING SOUGHT BETWEEN THESE TWO CONCEPTS, CONCERNING HOW FAR WE CAN LIMIT THE MOVEMENTS OF PUBLIC VESSELS OR WARSHIPS."

3. MOCHTAR NOTED THAT AT CARACAS CONFERENCE GOI HAD COME TO KNOW DESIRES AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY OTHER STATES AS WELL. HE SAID THAT "YET ANOTHER TYPE OF PROBLEM" EXISTS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE. HE STATED THAT THE GOI SHOULD NOW CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS WITH THOSE NATIONS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH INDONESIA'S CONCEPT IN ORDER TO REACH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH COULD EASE THE WAY TOWARD MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT AT SUBSEQUENT LOS CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

4. MOCHTAR ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE WOULD ANNOUNCE A "COORDINATED VIEW" ON THE PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION IN THE MALACCA STRAITS.
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5. COMMENT: MOCHTAR TVRI INTERVIEW, COMING ON HEELS OF PRESS CONFERENCE PREVIOUS WEEK (REFTEL), APPEARS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO SIGNAL OPENNESS OF GOI TO COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS ON REMAINING PROBLEMS FACING ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT. MOCHTAR STATEMENTS ESTABLISH GOI POSITION VIS-A-VIS DOMESTIC AUDIENCE THAT SUCH COMPROMISES WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED DEFEATS FOR GOI BUT RATHER PART OF SUCCESSFUL

OVERALL CAMPAIGN TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF
ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE. STATEMENTS DO NOT SUGGEST SUBSTANCE
OF ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISES, BUT DO SET HOPEFUL ATMOSPHERE
FOR FURTHER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES
PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF LOS CONFERENCE.
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